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SUBJ: KOREA AT 32ND UNGA--CORE GROUP MEETING JUNE 16 (SUMMARY)

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1. CORE GROUP MET AT BELGIAN MISSION JUNE 16 FROM 4 P.M.

TO 6 P.M.. ALL MEMBERS REPRESENTED. AGENDA WAS: (A) EXCHANGE

OF INFORMATION TO UPDATE INDICATIONS ON NORTH KOREAN

INTENTIONS; (B) EVOLVING COMPOSITION OF 32ND UNGA GENERAL

COMMITTEE; (C) CONTINGENCY PLANNING; (D) US BRIEFING ON GROUND

FORCE WITHDRAWAL; AND (E) FUTURE CORE GROU P MEETINGS.

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2. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NORTH KOREAN INTENTIONS:

(A) CANADA PROVIDED INFORMATION IT REQUESTED BE EXTREMELY

CLOSELY HELD WHICH ITS AMEMBASSADOR IN GEORGETOWN

HAD OBTAINED FROM GUYANA OFFICIAL REGARDING IMPRESSIONS OF

NORTH KOREAN INTENTIONS GAINED DURING PRESIDENT CHUNG'S

VISIT THIS SPRING TO NORTH KOREA: DPRK OFFICIALS HAD NO APPARENT

STRATEGY FOR FORTHCOMING UNGA AND SEEMED CONTENT THAT DEBATE AGAIN BE AVOIDED, BUT THEY INDICATED NO DEFINITE PLANS IN THIS RESPECT.

(B) ROK -- AT RECEPTION IN KUALA LUMPUR, NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR APPROACHED MALAYSIAN OFFICIAL AND SAID THAT PYONGYANG HAD NOT ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING KOREA AT NEXT UNGA. REGARDING US TROOP WITHDRAWAL, NORTH KOREAN TOLD MALAYSIAN THAT PYONGYANG WAS WATCHING CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S PLANS. ROK REPORTED NO SIGNIFICANT NORTH KOREAN TRAVEL EXCEPT REPORT FROM RANGOON THAT NORTH KOREA PLANNING "HIGH LEVEL" DELEGATION TO BURMA AND ASEAN COUNTRIES IN JULY.

(C) US -- US DELEGATION AT MAPUTO HAD OBSERVED NO SIGNIFICANT NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITY. ROK REPORTED SIMILAR FINDING BY ITS DELEGATION AT MAPUTO. WITHOUT REVEALING SOURCES, US INFORMED CORE GROUP OF NORTH KOREAN INTEREST IN US-CORE GROUP INTENTIONS AS REPORTED PARAGRAPH 3E, REF C. US UPDATED THIS REPORT THAT AS OF JUNE 16, THERE HAD BEEN NO FURTHER APPROACH TO OUR SOURCE IN THIS REGARD. US ALSO REFERRED TO REPORT IN PARAGRAPH 3C OF REF E THAT SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIAN REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK HAD BEEN UNAWARE OF NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITY REGARDING KOREAN QUESTION AT 32ND UNGA.

3. COMPOSITION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE--GROUP CONCLUDED THAT COMPOSITION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE IS EVOLVING FAVORABLY AND THAT THIS COULD HELP DAMPEN NORTH KOREAN INTEREST IN SEEKING DEBATE AT 32ND UNGA.

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4. CONTINGENCY PLANNING--GROUP DISCUSSED PREPARATION FOR EVENTUALITY THAT A PRO-NORTH KOREAN ITEM MAY BE INSCRIBED IN PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR 32ND UNGA AND HOSTILE DRAFT RESOLUTION TABLED. GROUP DECIDED THAT 1976 PRO-ROK RESOLUTION SHOULD SERVE AS A BASIC CONTINGENCY DOCUMENT. IN MEANTIME, CORE GROUP MEMBERS SHOULD REVIEW TEXT INDIVIDUALLY WITH VIEW TO DEVELOPING SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE UPDATING SHOULD SITUATION DEMAND. US STRESSED NEED TO AVOID ACTIVITY SUCH AS DRAWING UP AND CIRCULATION AT CAPITALS AND AMONG CORE GROUP MEMBERS OF NEW TEXTS FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WHICH MIGHT LEAK TO OTHER SIDE. THERE WAS MUCH SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION AT MEETING. ROK REPORTED IT HAD SEOUL'S INSTRUCTIONS NOT REPEAT NOT TO SEEK PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

5. BRIEFING ON GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWAL: AS AUTHORIZED REF A, US DREW ON REF B TO BRIEF GROUP ON GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWAL. BRIEFING CAME AT END OF MEETING, AND THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION.

6. FUTURE MEETINGS OF CORE GROUP: GROUP LEFT CONVENING
OF FUTURE CORE GROUP MEETINGS TO JUDGMENT OF ROK
CHAIRMAN. HE COULD CALL ONE IN EMERGENCY OR, FOR INSTANCE,
IN JULY OR AUGUST SHOULD HE CONSIDER THERE TO BE MATTERS
OR INFORMATION WORTHY OF DISCUSSION.

7. COMMENT: TONE OF MEETING WAS EXCELLENT.
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